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NEA PASS AMBASSADOR PICKERING FROM SUDDARTH

E.O.11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: MESSAGE FOR AMBASSADOR PICKERING

1. FOLLOWING ARE MAJOR ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS EMBASSY SUGGESTS
YOU DISCUSS DURING CONSULTATIONS.

2. YOU SHOULD PHONE NAJEEB HALABY IN NEW YORK AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE, SAYING I GAVE YOU HIS NUMBER AND, WITHOUT MENTIONING
ANY DETAILS, SUGGESTED HE MIGHT WANT TO GIVE YOU SAME ROUND-UP
HE GAVE ME ON WEDDING PLANS BEFORE HE LEFT AMMAN ON MAY 20.
DISCUSSIONS WILL HELP YOU REGARDING TIMING OF YOUR RETURN, LEAVE
PLANS AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT MATERS. OFFICE: 212/765-3380 O
HOME: 201/768-7530. THEY WILL ALSO KNOW WHERE TO REACH HIM IN
WASHINGTON, WHICH HE PLANS TO VISIT THIS WEEK.

3. REGARDING KING HUSSEIN'S ENGAGEMENT TO MISS HALABY, I SENT
A PERSONAL NOTE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON BEHALF OF YOU AND ALICE
AS WELL AS OURSELVES. WE WILL BE HAPPY TO FORWARD ANOTHER PERSONAL
NOTE FROM YOU IF YOU SHOULD DESIRE.

4. MAQARIN: SEE STATE 127774 AND OUR REPLY BE SEPTTEL TODAY.
WE SUGGEST YOU DISCUSS SCOPE OF WORK FOR WEST BANK
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STUDY, AND DIFFICULTY PRESENTED BY EXTENDING IT TO
AREAS ON WEST BANK RATHER THAN JUST TO WEST GHOR AND
ZOR.

5. JAF HAS RECEIVED PROMISED DOLS 9 MILLION PAYMENT
(AMMAN 4587) FROM SAUDI ARABIA FOR FY76 AND FY77, AND
CONTINUES TO ASSURE US FY75 FMS PAYMENT (DUE JUNE 30)

WILL BE PAID SEPARATELY BY SAUDIS. WHAT IS STATUS
THEREFORE OF OUR REQUEST (AMMAN 3168 OF APRIL 8) TO
RELEASE DOLS 41 MILLION OF 1977 FMS CREDITS?

6. 1978 FMS LEVEL: PROGRAMMED FOR DOLS 75 MILLION, BUT
ONE MILLION WAS POSSIBLY BEING DEDUCTED FROM JORDAN PROGRAM.
HOW DOES THIS STAND NOW? EMBASSY INFORMED OF
THIS BY ERIC TUNIS LETTER OF MARCH 31, 1978. HOPE YOU
CAN GET IT RESTORED.

7. WE SUGGESTED SOME APPOINTMENTS FOR GEN. BIN SHAKER IN
DEPARTMENT DURING JMC (AMMAN 4270) WHICH YOU MAY WISH
TO REVIEW.

8. ASSUME YOU ARE CHECKING ON STATUS OF
MANDERSHEID, GEORGE AND MY OWN FUTURE ASSIGNMENT
PROSPECTS. FOR LLOYD GEORGE: IF ECON TRAINING IS
NOT POSSIBLE, HE MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN A GOOD PEARSON
ASSIGNMENT.
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